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Jogjakarta Taken By Republicans?

Paris, December 21. The Indonesian delegation to the United Nations announced today that the Republicans have recaptured Jogjakarta, capital of the Indonesian Republic.

The Indonesian capital was captured on Sunday by Dutch paratroopers.

The delegation reported that almost all West Java is now rebelling against the Dutch, and that there have been uprisings in two cities in East Java.

The delegation said the reports were received through a clandestine Republican radio somewhere in Java.

The reports also said the Republican army had taken two other cities formerly held by the Dutch—Kepajen and Modjokerto. The Indonesians asserted that 52 Dutch paratroopers were killed during the engagements.

Meanwhile, Dutch military censorship stopped all United Press dispatches referring to the Republican Radio, which returned to the air giving the Indonesian side of the fight.

Australia Calls For Immediate Cease-Fire In War-Torn Indonesia

London, December 21.

Australia today called for an immediate cease-fire in Indonesia and the return of the Dutch behind their own lines and action by military observers on the United Nations Good Offices Committee to prevent reprisals or executions, as the Indonesian Republic claimed the resistance to the Dutch was increasing both in its own territory and in the Dutch-sponsored Java States outside.

Mr. Joseph B. Chifley, the Australian Prime Minister, and the Australian representatives in Paris had been instructed to raise with the Security Council several possible solutions to the conflict, including a trusteeship of the area, Reuter reported from Canberra.

Announcing his Government's decision after a long Cabinet meeting, Mr. Chifley said: "The Security Council must decide what action it should take to insure its instructions are carried out."

Today's official Dutch communiqué gave only the most meagre details of the Dutch advance, but usually reliable unofficial sources said it was going ahead rapidly in both Java and Sumatra.

Unconfirmed reports said Dutch mechanized brigades from Semarang, in Central Northern Java, occupied Surakarta, second city in the Republic in Central Java, and linked with paratroopers in the Republican capital.

At least one well was abuzz at the East Java oil centre of Trepas, occupied by Dutch Marines yesterday, according to the same reports.

The Indonesian Republican representative in Singapore said fighting had broken out in Jogjakarta, captured by Dutch airborne troops on Sunday, a Reuter message from Singapore reported.

He said a Colonel Harris Nakuton was now acting as Commander-in-Chief of the Republican Army in succession to General Soedirman, who was ill in Jogjakarta when captured by Dutch troops.

Avoid Pitched Battles

A Republican communiqué quoted by the representative said:

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De Gaullists Lead In Voting

Paris, December 21.

With only one result still to come, results in the election for the Council of the Republic (the French Upper House) today showed the Gaullists leading with more than one-third of the seats.

The 310 results of the total 320 in this election by indirect suffrage gave the following position:

Gaullists (Party of the French People) 122; Socialists 68;

Radicals 52; Independents 29;

Communists 20; Popular Repub-

lican Party 17; Right-wing

Parties 10; others 47.

Further balloting for one seat in Madagascar will be held next Sunday.—Reuter.

CNAC Plane From Shanghai Hits Island Near Colony POOR VISIBILITY BLAMED

One of the most disastrous air tragedies in Hong Kong's history—33 passengers and crew believed killed—occurred yesterday afternoon only 10 miles East of Kai Tak airfield.

A China National Aviation Corporation Skymaster, No. 104, carrying 26 passengers and a crew of seven from Shanghai to Hong Kong, crashed on Basalt Island shortly after 2 p.m. yesterday.

The tragedy was indirectly due to Hong Kong's overcast weather which disrupted the schedules of all air lines in the Colony yesterday.

31 Bodies Found

At 9 p.m. yesterday, the plane was reported to be still on fire. Police search parties had by then found 31 bodies strewn near the wrecked plane on the slopes of Basalt Island.

At the time of going to Press, the names of the passengers were still unavailable. The local CNAC office had requested the list from Shanghai earlier in the evening.

Local residents who expected friends or relatives from Shanghai by the ill-fated plane are requested by the police to visit the Kowloon Public Mortuary after 10 a.m. today.

The recovered bodies will be brought by police launches to Kowloon today.

The plane crashed into the slopes of the small island of Basalt in Hong Kong's territorial waters after the pilot signalled that he was "letting down" over Bias Bay to the North.

Aerial Search Made

When no further signals were received from the pilot it was thought that he may have decided to fly to Canton or Swatow to land there temporarily.

When this could not be confirmed, an aerial search was made from Kai Tak, and the plane was located by Water Police Launch No. 2, late in the evening.

It was wrecked, lying on the slopes of Basalt Island, and burning.

Last night, there were numerous inquiries at the CNAC office by local residents who expected friends and relatives by the plane.

At the CNAC office one woman burst out sobbing bitterly when she heard that no survivors had been found on the island.

Yesterday's tragedy is the first of its kind in which a CNAC plane has been involved in Hong Kong. The Skymaster, piloted by Captain Charles M. Sunby, a naturalized American, left Shanghai for Hong Kong at 8.10 a.m. yesterday.

Traffic Movements Interrupted By Fog

Hong Kong was shrouded in fog early yesterday morning, interrupting traffic movements in the sea and air.

A seaplane arriving here was forced to land at the Central Fairway of the harbour and taxied to Kai Tak, weaving slowly through the numerous ships and small craft.

The British steamer Hanyang had to anchor off Waglan for three and a half hours because of the fog before she could find her way in.

The fog which lifted slowly late in the afternoon also interfered with the schedules of commercial airlines.

Hong Kong Airways were compelled to cancel two morning flights to Canton because of the uncertainty of the fog lifting in time for their return to the Colony.

The two Canton flights in the afternoon were, however, carried out. The Hong Kong Airways plane from Shanghai arrived on time at 3 p.m. yesterday.

CNAC cancelled one flight to Canton and diverted one plane from Shanghai to Canton.

CATC's outgoing flights were

SIX KILLED IN RAF CRASH

London, December 21.

The Air Ministry announced today that at least six Royal Air Force fliers were killed last night in the crash of a four-motored Lancaster bomber near Timwhistle, Cheshire, England.

The announcement said one member of the crew has not been accounted for but the bodies of the others have been recovered.

The plane, which was on a routine flight, crashed only a few miles from the spot where an American Superfortress crashed on December 3, killing 19.

United Press.

EXPLOSION IN TEHERAN

Teheran, December 20.

A delayed action hand grenade exploded among a crowd outside Teheran University last night, slightly injuring nine people.

The grenade was set by foreign manufacturers, who had come to inspect the reconstruction of the curfew and martial law.—Reuter.



Red Raiders Ten Miles From Nanking

Nanking, December 21.

Communist raiders this morning made a hit-and-run attack on the Nationalist forces in the vicinity of Hsiaochin, to the North East of Pukow, a little more than 10 miles to the North of Nanking, reliable military sources disclosed to-night.

The Communists were said to have numbered 2,000 and withdrawn after suffering some casualties.

Air reconnaissance today confirmed a large Communist army is moving from the Fengpu-Hus-chow area towards Hungtze Lake, where they presumably would swing Southwards towards the Yangtze River, according to an official source.

The reconnaissance reports said the Communists appeared to be heading in the direction of the Grand Canal East of Hungtze Lake where 40,000 Reds under General Su Yu are steadily pushing back Government troops towards the Yangtze River line.

The reports did not give an estimate of the approximate strength of the moving Communist army. But those seemed to be no doubt that it planned to join up with General Su Yu's forces for a stepped up drive Southwards.

Severe Fighting

Meanwhile, pro-government press reports said severe fighting was raging around Kaoyi, 35 miles North of the Yangtze River and 63 miles North East of Nanking. Kaoyi was captured by the Communists on Sunday, but the reports claimed that the Communists were now driven back and that Government forces captured Chishou and Fanchuan, 15 miles North and South East of Kaoyi.

The broadcast appealed to the Nationalists to cease senseless sacrifices in the two isolated areas.

The Radio also announced that all peace disturbers and looters in Tientsin prior to the Communist entry were executed.

The British Consul-General in Tientsin, Mr. Scott Burdett, gave a preliminary appreciation of the somewhat obscure and confused situation affecting Tientsin Britons and outlined steps taken locally to obtain a clearer picture when he met representatives of the British community, the British Chamber of Commerce and Britons acting as Area Wardens last night.

It was generally hoped that the Chinese military authorities will soon clarify the stand regarding foreign properties, some of which they attempted to turn into strongpoints.—Reuter and United Press.

Stop Press

TANGKU CAPTURED

Tientsin, December 21.

Tangku, the port of Tientsin and Hsinku, immediate North of Tientsin, have been captured by Communist forces. It was probably learned tonight.—Reuter.

Mr. K. V. Novikov, leader of the Russian delegation, is seen, centre, as he addressed the 18-nation meeting of the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East in Sydney. Smiling at right is Mr. P. J. H. Stent, heading the United Kingdom delegation. During his speech, Mr. Novikov attacked countries with colonial possessions, accusing them of collaborating to prevent the colonies from achieving independence.—AP Photo.

Russian Mediation
In China's Civil
War Predicted

Nanking, December 21.

A high Kuomintang source told the United Press today that Dr. Sun Fo's cabinet is likely to make an approach for peaceful settlement of China's civil war with Soviet Russian mediation.

At the same time United Press learned from another reliable source that Generalsissimo Chiang Kai-shek had given full powers to Dr. Sun to decide on the question of peace or war, and indicated to his closest associates that, if necessary, he would be prepared to step down under certain circumstances.

The Kuomintang source, who is the Generalsissimo and the new cabinet, said that in his own observation, However, it is considered a high possibility in view of Dr. Sun's statement yesterday that his government was not opposed to peace talks.

It is also backed up by earlier reliable reports that General Chih-chung, North West Nationalist Commander, proposed to the Generalsissimo the resumption of the peace parleys with Russian mediation.

The composition of Dr. Sun's cabinet is regarded as additional indication that Dr. Sun most likely would make an effort at politi-

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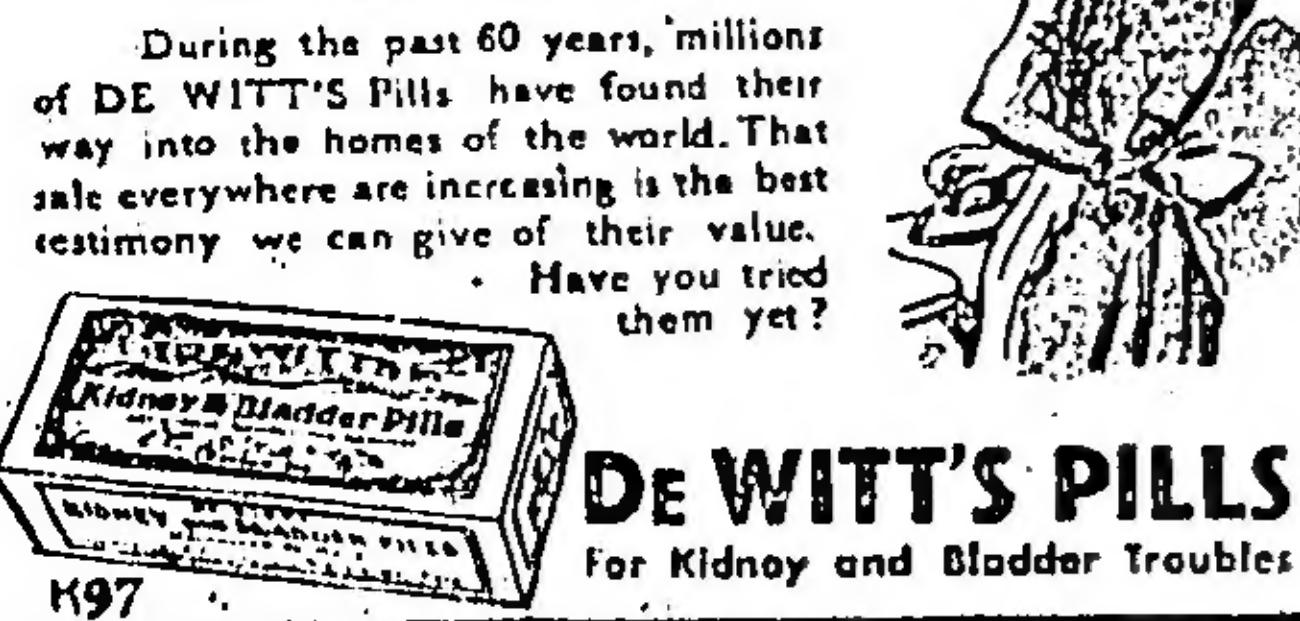
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Two Generals were reported killed on Sunday by mutineering troops who went over to the Communists.

The killings occurred at Sui-kau, 20 miles North of Kwang-chowwan.

The victims were Lieutenant General Chang Kung-sung, commander of provincial forces at Kwang-chowwan, and his Deputy commander, Major General Peng Pei-sun.

They were inspecting the 10th Provincial Regiment.

Reports said the mutineers were waiting for Communists reinforcements from Hainan Island so that they could form a provincial government on Lul-chow peninsula with Kwang-chowwan as its base.—Associated Press.

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Other pieces of land sold were three at Ngau Tam Mi having an area of .11, .14, and .03 acre, respectively, at \$45, \$60 and \$10, and a .06 acre lot at Siu Hang which went for \$27.

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Two hundred Chinese Mohammedans arrived here yesterday by the British steamer *Atrous* from Mecca en route to Shanghai, ending their 15-week annual pilgrimage.

Two CNAC planes are being chartered to accommodate some of the pilgrims tomorrow, while the rest will leave Hong Kong by a chartered ship.

Hailing from various provinces of North China, mostly from the Sinking Province, these Chinese Mohammedans left China last August for their pilgrimage to Mecca—the sole ambition of every Mohammedan.

Many of them are businessmen and are paying their own fares. The Chinese Government, however, has assigned one of its officials to head the mission and has also requested the China Travel Service to facilitate the pilgrimage by affording possible privileges.

One Month At Mecca

The pilgrims spent eight days at Jeddah and nearly a month at Mecca—the birthplace of Mohamed, the prophet.

During the voyage, they did charity work for the local mosques by donating funds.

Among the black jacket group, with the peculiarity white skull-cotton caps, was a 90-year-old Singking native, who is travelling with his wife, grandson and young granddaughter. The pilgrim was once a "senator" of the ephemeral Chinese Senate in the early days of the Sun Yat Sen's reign shortly after the Revolution.

Practically all of the pilgrims are bearded. Their appearances belie their real selves, as most of the pilgrims are well-to-do followers of Mohamed.

They are being accommodated aboard the *Atrous* at Holt's Wharf.

Their luggage includes camp-beds, quilts and frugal personal effects.

LOTS SOLD IN N. TERRITORIES

Five cultivation lots in the New Territories were sold by Mr. Appleton at the Ping Shan Land Office yesterday, and, with the exception of one, were knocked down to the original applicants at upset prices.

The exception was a .11 acre lot at Ngau Tam Mi which was sold to Mr. Lau Kau at \$65, an increase of \$19 on the original price.

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Three Accused Discharged In "Marine Engine" Case



Special Royal Silver Wedding Stamps will be on sale at the General Post Office and other post offices in the Colony beginning today. The denominations on sale today will be HK\$10 and 10 cents.

\$200-Fine For Assault On Constable

Found guilty of assaulting a police constable, A. David, aged 39, merchant residing at 43 Conduit Road, was fined \$200 by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

The prosecution by Inspector H. Moran said that the alleged offence took place outside the Star Ferry Wharf on the night of December 12 when defendant, driving private car No. 2835 stopped outside the ferry wharf as the red traffic light was against him.

It was further alleged that defendant annoyed at being held up for some time, used abusive language to the constable.

When the green light was switched on and defendant was about to proceed, the constable went up and asked for defendant's driving licence.

Defendant again used profane language, and got out of the car and gave the constable a blow on the chest.

While the constable was taking down the particulars from defendant's licence, David snatched the pencil from the constable's hand, at the same time grabbing hold of the constable's shoulder with some force to jot down his number.

Complainant after his duty went to Central Station and made a report to his superiors, which led to defendant being sent for and charged.

Defendant, conducting his own defence, denied that he had assaulted the constable, but admitted that he had taken hold of the constable's shoulder to look at his number.

Inspector Moran is asking for a serious view to be taken, said that this case should not be treated as other cases, for defendant was a man above the average and should have known better than to assault a police officer.

Dr. Arthur Won will address the Y.M.C.A. Club of Hong Kong at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel, tomorrow. His subject will be "European Experiences". The Club will meet at 12.45 p.m.

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Personalia

When the cross examination of the Naval Provost Marshal Miller was completed before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday in the Naval Yard "Marine Engine" case, the magistrate, in concurring with defence counsel's submissions, ordered the discharge of Dennis Khan, Cheng Chui and Chan Yuen on the grounds that there was insufficient evidence to substantiate a charge of robbing.

At the close of yesterday's hearing, counsels for Horton, Stewart and Smith made lengthy submissions in respect of the three remaining defendants and stressed that, on the most uncorroborative evidence produced by the prosecution, they should also be discharged.

Robert H. Horton is charged with larceny of two engines. Stewart and Smith are charged with conspiracy and Khan, Cheng and Chui were charged with receiving the engines, knowing the same to have been stolen.

Inspector Willerton prosecuted, while defendants were represented by Messrs. Marcus, Silvia, A. S. C. Comber, Y. K. Kan and P. J. Griffiths.

Robert J. Wiggenton, Superintendent in Charge of the Dockyard police, said at 10.30 a.m. on June 30, as a result of a report received, he immediately phoned the Naval Store Officer and asked him if he could let him have the licence numbers of any lorries ordered by the SPDC compound.

He said he had given no instructions to the police at the main gate to keep watch on any special lorries.

His reason, he said, was to find out how stores had been stolen and whether they left the Yard in bulk, by forged passes or with the assistance of the police.

At 11.30 a.m. he received information from Dempster that a lorry had left the Yard loaded with two large cases suspected to have been stolen from the SPDC godown.

Conflicting, Mr. Griffiths said that if the evidence of Dempster is to be accepted, then it is an unmitigated lie and if the evidence of Wiggenton is to be accepted, then Dempster is an unmitigated liar.

The prosecution had failed in the receiving charge and likewise they must also fail in the larceny charge he said.

After Mr. Kan and Mr. da Silva had made their similar submissions all agreed that in the administration of British Justice, all the remaining defendants must be discharged.

The magistrate replied that he will give his decision at 11.30 a.m. on December 24.

Reminders

Today

Tue. H. Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Wednesday Lunch, H. K. International Women's Club, Gloucester Bldg.

H. K. Singers Concert, at St. Stephen's Girls' College, 9.15 p.m.

Legislative Council meeting, 2.30 p.m.

Crown Land Sales, District Office at Taipo, 11 a.m.

Talk by Dr. Eddy at European YMCA 7 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, talk by Mr. F. W. Kendall, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Men's Club of Hong Kong, talk by Dr. Arthur Woo, Roof Garden, H. K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

RAF Association luncheon, Jacobean Room, H. K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited, annual meeting, Wheeck Mardon Office, King's Bldg., 11 a.m.

Ferry Service Extension

During the coming holidays, the Star Ferry services will be extended as follows: Christmas Eve, and New Year's Eve, every 10 minutes to midnight, then every 15 minutes to 2.15 a.m. (from Kowloon), and 2.30 a.m. (from Hong Kong).

The Normal Sunday services will be maintained on Boxing Day, and usual services will be run on New Year's Day.

Shipping Briefs

Nearly 2,000 tons of coal and firewood arrived here on Monday from Sandakan.

Nine Chinese passengers embarked here.

The master reported fresh North East winds with rough seas and heavy swells.

The Chinese steamer Hal Fel brought more Chinese refugees from North China on Monday.

Among the tons of luggage are few cars belonging to passengers, most of whom are en route to Canton.

The Colony will see another American naval craft this week with the arrival of USS Southernland.

The destroyer, arriving here on December 24, is due to depart on January 1.

The Ocean-going tug Alcira Moller, safely towed a fishing vessel into Hong Kong water on Monday after riding strong North East monsoon seas en route from Fuchow.

The Moller's tug left the Colony on December 9 for Matsui Island off Fuchow for the mission with Mr. P. J. Hawksworth, formerly master of the Empire Park, and two British officers and a crew of eight Chinese.

Russian Mediation Predicted

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Under such circumstances, he said, it is only to be expected that Dr. Sun's government would try to make the best out of a bad bag.

It is the opinion of the political power which the Kuomintang has built up during its revolutionary struggle.

It is the opinion of most government officials that Soviet Russia is the only outside power which can prevail upon the Communists to stop their military offensive for peace talks with the ultimate objective of forming a coalition Government.

United States mediation is now ruled out because of the Communist anti-American attitude.

The Kuomintang source said Russia's "ambiduous" for peaceful settlement is understandable since it is to her advantage to avoid violent reactions among the Western bloc nations, which is likely to be caused by Communist military occupation of the Nanking-Shanghai area and of the whole of China.

Besides, he contended, it may be Russia's calculation that a political settlement would facilitate rather than impede the Communists taking over the whole country as evidenced by what happened in Czechoslovakia and Poland.—United Press.

Accountant Tries To Forge Papers

When his client showed reluctance in fulfilling payment of fees almost one month overdue, an auditor's accountant, at the end of his patience, went to the extent of forging of a public document in an attempt to force his client's hand.

Accountant in the employ of S. C. Tong Audit Office, at 28 Wyndham Street, first floor, To Tin-yat came before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday to answer the charges of forging and uttering Inland Revenue form #1 with intent to deceive.

Mr. Alfred Y. Hon was counsel for the defence.

Sometime in May this year, the prosecution stated, defendant was introduced through his brother to a man named Chan Ping, proprietor of the Ngai Sang Motor Car Company, at 48 Sai Yeung Choi Street, Chan indicated that he wished to engage the services of an auditor to prepare his tax return as he was not conversant with accounts. Acting on behalf of S. C. Tong, defendant offered the services of his office and it was finally agreed that HK\$250 with the sum to be paid as fees.

On July 6, defendant visited Chan at his shop and told him that the return had been completed. He presented the bill for his fees, whereupon Chan paid him HK\$50 on account, with a promise to pay the balance at some later date.

Unsuccessful Visit

Two subsequent visits to Chan proved unsuccessful as he kept on postponing the date of payment.

On August 3, defendant went again to Chan's place and finding him away, left on Tsimshau Revenue form #1 in the hands of an assistant in the shop. The form was a reminder that if returns were not submitted within seven days, the Inland Revenue office would send an assessor to make the assessment, without further notice.

Chan took the form to the Inland Revenue Department on August 16, and as a result of what he was told there, reported to the Mongkok Police Station the following day, when the forged document was handed to Detective Sub-Inspector A. Leslie.

Ultra-violet analysis showed that the file number, the date and the name of the addressee had been chemically erased and new ones written over the erasures.

It was the opinion of the Court that in the circumstances, the offence was not a serious one. A fine of \$250 was imposed.

Detective Sub-Inspector A. Leslie prosecuted.

XMAS CONCERT

A concert of Christmas music will be given at St. Stephen's Girls' College by the Hong Kong Singers on 9.15 p.m. today.

The final rehearsal was held at St. John's Cathedral Hall on Monday.

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Supreme Court Seals Fate Of Jap Leaders

P.I. Controls To Continue

Manila, December 21. It was officially announced today that a Presidential executive order extending export controls through 1949 is being drafted and will be issued shortly.

Export controls expire at the end of this year, but the Government feels they should be continued to conserve materials which are badly needed here, such as building materials, medicines, agricultural implements, scrap metals, telephone and telegraph wires and surplus combat-type vessels.—United Press.

NEW TRADE PACT

London, December 20. Rome Radio reported tonight that Italy and Hungary today signed in Rome an agreement covering the exchange of about £8,750,000 worth of goods next year.

Hungary will supply cattle fats, raw materials and semi-finished goods. Italy will send agricultural and industrial products, motor cars, mercury, marmalade, sugar and paper.—Reuter.

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"Down the Rabbit Hole" (BBC)
6.30 p.m.—"Old Fashioned Dances" played by Harry Indivisori & His Orchestra
6.40 p.m.—"Terry Lee" at the Photo Studio
7.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Bureau)
7.15 p.m.—A Visitor's Impressions of the Chinese Manufacturers Union (Kahilton, Studio)
7.30 p.m.—"Much Binding in the March" (BBC)
8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Bureau)
8.15 p.m.—"It's in the Air" Variety Review—Programme presented by Bruce Howard (Studio)
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Washington, December 21. Tojo and six other Japanese war lords must die on the gallows.

The United States Supreme Court decided today that it was without power to interfere with the executions.

The Court voted 6-1 that it had no authority over the eleven-nation International Military Tribunal which condemned the seven to death as war criminals.

"We are satisfied that the Tribunal sentencing the petitioners is not a tribunal of the United States," read the unsigned opinion of Chief Justice Vinson and Justices Black, Reed, Frankfurter and Burton.

Justice Douglas said he concurred but would announce his opinion later. Justice Murphy dissented but wrote no opinion. Justice Rutledge reserved decision. Justice Jackson took no part.

"The United States and other Allied countries conquered and now occupy and control Japan," the opinion stated.

"General Douglas MacArthur has been selected and is acting as the Supreme Commander for the Allied powers. The Military Tribunal sentencing these petitioners has been set up by General MacArthur as the agent of the Allied powers.

No Authority

"Under the foregoing circumstances the courts of the United States have no power or authority to review, to affirm, to set aside or annul the judgments and sentences imposed on these petitioners and for this reason the motions for leave to file petitions for writ of habeas corpus are denied."

The opinion presumably was written by Chief Justice Fredrick Vinson. The Chief Justice ordinarily writes such opinions.

The court thus turned down requests by the convicted Japanese warthine officials that it declare the International Tribunal illegal and order their immediate release.

The former Premier, Hideki Tojo did not appeal. The decision, however, affects him and all of the 24 other top Japanese war leaders convicted by the International Tribunal.

The court acted on two groups of appeals. The first was filed by American attorneys in behalf of seven defendants: former Premier KoKi Hirota and General Kenji Doihara, both condemned to death; Koichi Kido, adviser to the Emperor, Takusumi Oka, Chief of Naval Affairs, Kenryo Sato, Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau, and Shigefumi Shimaoka, Tojo's Navy Minister, all sentenced to life imprisonment, and Shigenori Togo, former Foreign Minister, given 20 years. Their appeals were argued before the court last Thursday and Friday.

To Try Again

Later appeals were filed on behalf of: General Heitaro Kimura and Lieutenant General Akira Muto, both sentenced to death, General Yoshisiro Umezawa, given life imprisonment, and Mamoru Shigemitsu, given seven years. The court denied them a hearing by citing the same opinion.

RED TAPE HOLD UP TEXTILES

London, December 20. The Director of the British Rayon Federation, Mr. A.J.C. Walters, told a press conference in London today that warehouses in Britain are full of goods sold to Denmark, Norway and Sweden which cannot be delivered because the customers cannot get import licences.

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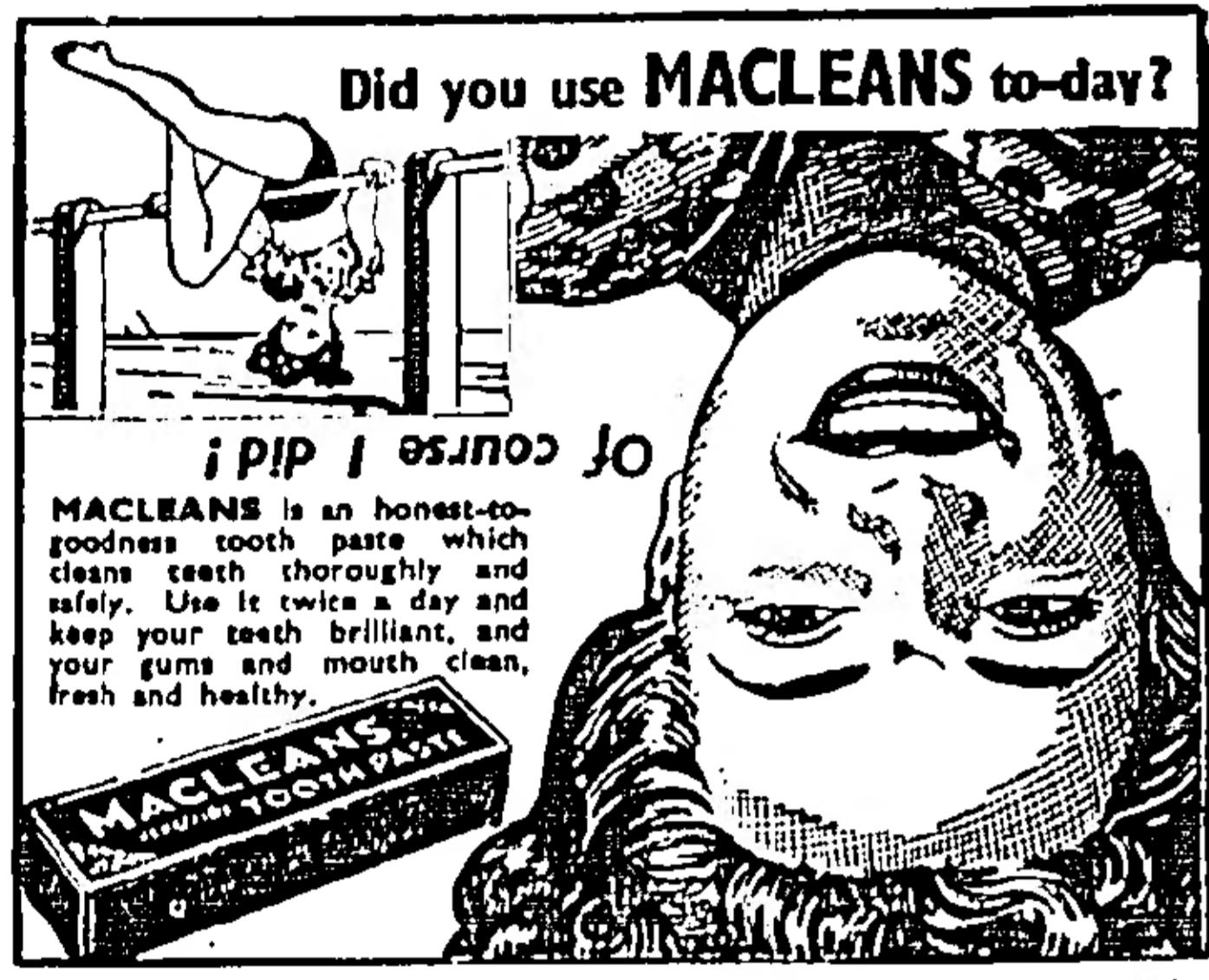
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NEW DRUG TREATMENT IN BRONCHIAL ASTHMA JAPANESE COMPLAINT

New York, December 21.
A group of Brooklyn physicians report striking results in the treatment of bronchial asthma with a new drug.

The drug, actually a combination of two drugs, is known as hydralin and is described as the most effective found so far in the treatment of asthma.

The report comes from Drs. Harry Markow, Samuel Bloom, and Harry Leibowitz, of the Department of Medicine, Division of Applied Immunology, Beth-El Hospital. Results of their studies, reported in the New York State Journal of Medicine, are based on 81 cases of allergy, including 46 cases of bronchial asthma.

The drug, they report, is in tablet form. At the outset one tablet a day was given, and then the dosage was increased in some cases to six a day.

In a group of hay fever cases, 14, or 52 per cent, obtained definite relief.

In six cases of perennial, allergic rhinitis the results were disappointing, since in only one case was there any relief experienced.

"However, in the group of 36 asthmatics and 10 asthmatics complicated by or complicating nasal allergy, the results were decidedly better than have been experienced to date with other antihistaminic drugs," they said.

The Reactions
An anti-histaminic drug apparently neutralizes the action of histamine, the suspect in the case of allergies.

The new drug, a combination of benadryl (a trade name) and aminophyllin, caused some unfavourable reactions in the patients, including drowsiness.

THOREZ BOMBAST

Paris, December 21.
The Secretary General of the French Communist Party, M. Maurice Thorez, said in a speech at Limoges today: "We have said that we would never make war on the Soviet Union. If the Government tries to proceed against us because of this declaration it will prove that it is preparing for war."

"We shall remain Frenchmen who fight for peace and liberty. We shall never be the allies of the Germans and of the allies of France for an anti-Soviet crusade."—Reuter.

PALESTINE WAR IS OVER

New York, December 21.
Dr. Ralph Bunche, acting United Nations mediator in Palestine, declared today that the war in Palestine is over.

Dr. Bunche arrived from Europe and said, "I'd say the war in Palestine is over. Any fighting going on there is only local incidents. The problem of Palestine is well on the way to final solution. The Jewish State is firmly established and the immigration problem also well on the way to solution."—United Press.

President Quirino reminded the profession of its pledges to render medical aid without looking into the financial ability of the patient.

He cautioned: "Your mission of alleviating the sufferings of the masses will never be accomplished if you place financial consideration uppermost in your work."

Socialised medicine has been practiced with great success in other countries, President Quirino said.

He stated: "There is no reason why we cannot launch an aggressive crusade against disease in this country by devising a workable approach to the problem of dispensing socialised medicine."—Associated Press.

HIGH COMMISSIONERS TO RANK AS ENVOYS

London, December 20.
Canada, India and South Africa announced today that Commonwealth High Commissioners in their capitals will rank as Ambassadors.

Hitherto, the High Commissioners have ranked behind the foreign Ambassadors on formal occasions.

The Commonwealth Prime Ministers at the London Conference in October agreed that their status should be raised and made recommendations which were not disclosed at the time.

All the announcements said that the position of the dozen of the Diplomatic Corps would still be held by the senior foreign Ambassador.

The High Commissioners will take precedence as if they had the rank of Ambassadors when they first arrived, and will not follow seniority of Commonwealth countries.—Reuter.

"TOKYO ROSE" IN TREASON TRIAL

San Francisco, December 21.
Additional arguments on a motion to dismiss the treason indictment against Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino were heard in Federal court today.

Mrs. d'Aquino is also known as one of the "Tokyo Roses" of wartime propaganda broadcasts from Japan.

Her attorney, Wayne Collins, argued that Mrs. d'Aquino is being placed in double jeopardy because she has served a prison term in Japan, that the statute of limitations is operative in her case, and that the United States is without jurisdiction because she is a Portuguese citizen through marriage.

The Government attorney, Tom Do Wolfe, contended that the

questions of double jeopardy and statute of limitations are not matters for pre-trial decision, that the question of whether she owes allegiance to the United States and thus can be guilty of treason is for a jury to decide, and that six of the overt acts charged against her occurred before her marriage to d'Aquino, a citizen of Portugal.

Further memorandums and briefs will be filed by the attorneys today before the court takes the motion under consideration.—Associated Press.

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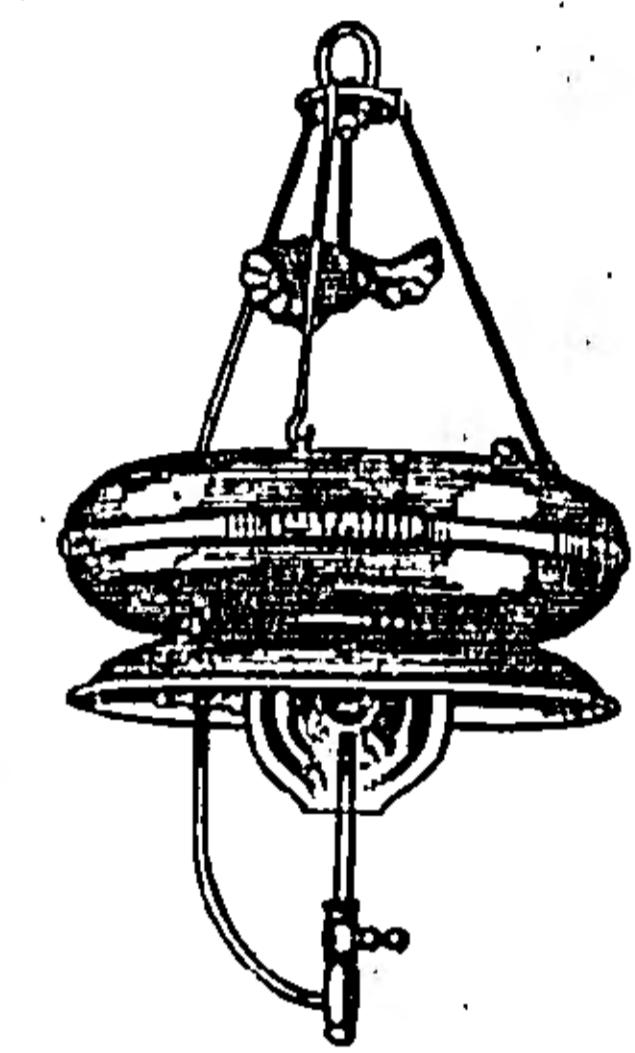
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Troops In Shanghai Incident

Shanghai, December 21. Shanghai's Eastern Wayside district, where the majority of European displaced persons live, was in a turmoil yesterday.

A band of Chinese soldiers broke into a cafe shortly after midnight on Sunday and practically destroyed the entire furnishings of the cafe when their attempts to rob the premises met with failure.

Retreating from the cafe, the soldiers forced their way into the home of a German refugee doctor and stole an overcoat, money and other valuables, and then invaded the home of a European refugee sub-tenant and helped themselves to money, valuables and clothing. They left only after being given a sum of rice by the police official.

Chinese military police, only half a block away from the scene of the robberies, did not intervene.

Anglo-Dutch Plantations Meeting

A loss of £684,01 was sustained by the Anglo-Dutch (Java) Plantations, Limited, during the year ended December 31, 1947. This was announced on Monday at the Company's annual general meeting of shareholders.

Those who attended the meeting were Mr. W. A. Welch (Chairman), Messrs. H. Kadourie, A. E. Fenton (Directors), Mr. C. E. Abbas (representing the Secretaries and General Managers), J. A. Wattie and Company, Limited, and Shareholders representing 151,450 shares.

The Chairman's report follows in part:

"The Company has suffered a very serious loss in the reported destruction of all buildings and machinery, and almost all the 2,884 acres of rubber planted on Goenoengarie-Pengotongan Estate in the South Malang area of Java. It has not yet been possible for the Company's representatives to visit this Estate.

"Company's other property, Tjaoel Estate in another part of Java was declared safe and re-occupied by the Company's representative in April 1948.

"Unfortunately, the security position has deteriorated very considerably during the last few months and there have been several attacks on neighbouring estates and villages. At the moment, there is an estate guard of twenty-five men under the leadership of one of the assistant managers, and a section of troops is also billeted on the Estate.

"The estimated output for the financial year ended December 31, 1949 is 730,000 pounds. Manufacture is being carried out by means of hand mangles and temporary smokehouses. It is hoped to install a sheeting battery and engine, and also to build better smoking accommodation during 1949, but these improvements will depend on the security situation. All the buildings were destroyed or seriously damaged, and these are being replaced gradually."

The first line of Tientsin's defences is being constructed along the main street of the former Italian concession which runs parallel to the Tientsin-Piping railway line one block away. Reuter's correspondent toured this district and witnessed alarming scenes which indicate that the relative peace which some diehards enjoy besides their fireplaces may receive a rude shock.

All cross-roads leading from the railway line towards the main thoroughfare with its beautiful Romanesque buildings have been blocked with recently-felled trees and wiring has been stretched across thickly from wall to wall.

Facing these blocked approaches into the heart of the city sandbags are rapidly taking the shape of machine-gun nests.

The South side of this wide avenue, along which a trolley line transports the city's bread earners, by the hundreds of thousands, is being fenced off with wiring while additional emplacements for guns have appeared through the walls and gates of buildings irrespective of their designation.

The citadel embraces even the Italian Catholic Hospital and the annex of the church, which is being turned into defence points despite all endeavours to prevent transforming them into targets.

Church Fortress

The consular body had a meeting regarding the prevailing conditions last night without releasing any statement. Among the officials present were the representatives of the United States, Britain, France, the Soviet Union, Belgium, Italy and Switzerland.

The grilled gateway of the Catholic church has been filled with sandbags amidst which gun loopholes are evident, while the former pharmacy of the Italian Hospital is completely transformed into an oversized pillbox with its single storey roofs bristling with military activity.

The Italian Consulate, in which Baron Tallarigo resides, seems to be in the direct path of the strong points just across the street.

Incidentally, Baron Tallarigo inspired the Italian community to turn their beautiful club into an emergency hospital and maternity ward for incoming Chinese refugees.

Deep In City

Some nurses from the Italian Catholic Hospital volunteered to undertake extra work and are already tending the first baby born at the transformed club's threshold yesterday. The refugee mother noticed the newly-painted Red Cross but collapsed in the gateway and gave birth on its very steps.

Observers wondered why the first line of defence is being constructed well inside the city's towering edifices, beneath the shadows of which it is apparently intended to meet the invaders. Instead of going through the same preparations on the outskirts or the perimeter.

There are indications of additional defences and strong points being erected even deeper inside Tientsin, presumably to serve as a second line of defence which presages street fighting along streets inhabited by foreigners and originally constructed through foreign enterprise and investment.

The Oldest Appendix Out

Horsham, December 20. Mrs. Eliza Hammond of Horsham, aged 91, is recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

She is believed to be the oldest person to survive such an operation.

She is making good progress and it is expected that she will leave hospital early in the New Year. — Reuter.

Destruction Of Rubber In Malaya

Destruction of 2,030 acres of excellent rubber in Malaya was reported at the annual general meeting of the Zhangbo Rubber Company, Limited, on Monday.

The report of the company showed a loss of £631,12.7 for the year ended December 31, 1947.

Present at the meeting were Mr. W. A. Welch (Chairman), Messrs. H. Kadourie, A. E. Fenton (Directors), Mr. C. E. Abbas (representing the Secretaries and General Managers, J. A. Wattie and Company, Limited), and Shareholders representing 51,500 shares.

The Chairman's report follows: "The reported destruction of Bandogardijo Estate, which consisted in 1941 of 2,030 acres of excellent rubber, a large proportion of which had been replanted between 1934 and 1941, is a most serious matter for the Company. Until this property becomes accessible to the Agents of the Company, no decision can be made in respect of its future.

"You will see from the Director's Report that 234 acres were damaged or destroyed. The rubber remaining is very good, with a high proportion of budgrafts and clonal seedlings. It is intended to plant up the area destroyed as soon as possible, but there is a great dearth of planting material in Java at the moment, and it may be a year before a start can be made.

"In the meantime, investigations are being carried out with a view to planting some catch crop, such as peanuts, on this area, so as to obtain some additional revenue until it is possible to plant rubber. Production is increasing each month, and the estimate for the year 1949 is 600,000 pounds which is most satisfactory, and is more than was ever produced before the war.

"The chances of compensation for war damage or subsequent damage are, I am afraid, rather doubtful. The political situation in Java is still very obscure, and in certain areas the security position has deteriorated. The present deadlock must be resolved, as it means that a large part of a very rich and productive area of Java is out of commission, but the chances of a peaceful settlement do not look too hopeful."

Company Reports Loss For 1947

At the annual general meeting of the Kroewook Java Plantations, Limited, the Chairman's report disclosed a loss of HK\$7,800 for the year ended December 31, 1947.

The Chairman said that the loss was made up almost entirely by office expenses in Hong Kong. He said that the Company had virtually no income or liquid assets in Hong Kong and that the Exchange Controller in Java had not permitted remittance to Hong Kong.

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The Chairman's report follows in part:

"I am sorry to have to report that it is still not possible for the Company's representatives to visit either of the Estates. Shareholders were informed of the reports received from reliable sources that Kroewook Estate is not likely to have escaped, although it is situated just outside this area.

"This loss is most serious for the Company as Kroewook was an exceptional estate producing rubber at a very low cost before the war. Bahak Estate consists entirely of young rubber planted since 1927. The total planted area in 1941 was 808 acres of rubber, of which 444 acres were ordinary seedlings planted in 1927, and 424 were budgrafts or clonal seedlings planted between 1927 and 1941."

"There was also an area planted up with tung oil which showed promise, and more than 1,500 acres of reserve jungle. We can only hope that this very valuable property will be recovered more or less intact in the not too distant future. The Estate was tapped for the first time in 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Annual Race Meeting, 1949

Saturday 15th, Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Saturday 22nd January.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 noon, each day. The tiffin interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are 10 races each day (50 in all). The "Hong Kong Derby" is scheduled to be run on the third day, Tuesday, 18th January, Race No. 6 at 3.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms, at 50 per day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all chits etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptrollers' Office will close at 10 a.m. each day. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is 45 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tie-Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

BESIEGED PEIPING IS BRAVE BUT UNEASY

Peiping, December 21.

Peiping under siege is a brave but uneasy city. There is no telling when the warfare on its outskirts may surge within the massive walls which now enclose a refuge for well over 2,000,000 persons.

Everywhere in the city there are military encampments protected by barbed wire or even pointed stakes, a medieval and probably none too effective substitute.

Emplacements have been dug in many alleys and as a consequence they are impassable to car.

Sandbags protect the police stations and other official buildings, both civil and military.

Soldiers keep a constant guard from the city's walls. Embrasures have been chiselled in the pictureque battlements for fire to be directed against the Reds if they come within range.

Rod Christmas

A 10.00 p.m. curfew and the impossibility of getting a rickshaw or taxi after that time have curtailed local life. The foreigners are divided into two classes—those unashamed nervous about the future and those who affect or genuinely feel chanc.

The latter refer to the situation with a certain levity, the sort of levity which inspired the parody song entitled "I'm Dreaming of a Red Christmas."

Peiping's sense of isolation has increased since the railway to Tientsin was cut. Telephone service has now also gone. Radio is the city's only contact with the outside world.

The Reds are now in a position to divert a good part of their strength in Manchuria and North China to a reinforced drive toward Nanking and Shanghai.

They have Fu Tsao-yl bottled up in Peiping with his supply and escape routes cut and can contain his troops with a relatively light force. They can see the long stretches of the Peiping-Hankow and Tientsin-Pukow railroads for transfer of troops South.

"The Reds are floating in water 120 feet from the top of the shaft. The shaft was covered with boards which were nailed down and the trap door was also securely fastened with six inch nails.

The body was discovered when an inspection was made by means of a light being lowered down the shaft, and preliminary reports suggest that the body had been in the water from one to five years. — Reuter.

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GENERAL CLAY'S HOPES
FOR WESTERN GERMANY

Berlin, December 21.

General Lucius D. Clay says he still hopes Western Germany will have a federal government by the middle of 1949. The American Military Governor is confident that the Governments of the three Western Powers soon will reach agreement on the occupation statute which will serve the Western zones as a substitute peace treaty.

"We were already remarkably close to agreement," Clay said, referring to his Frankfurt conference last week with the French and British Military Governors. Two points, he said, were left to be settled by Washington, London and Paris.

"One point still unresolved," Clay said, "is whether a central government will pay occupation costs, thereby obtaining more financial authority, or whether this will be left to the separate states as the French want. The other point is whether a German will sit on an Allied board to arbitrate questions arising from the statute. The French do not want that.

"But I think these are issues which can be ironed out without great delay by the three Governments. Perhaps it is only a matter of weeks."

Ahead Of The Russians

General Clay and the British G.O.C. General Sir Brian Robertson, have set a tentative timetable for West German political development in 1949. According to this, the draft of a constitution is to be completed by the German Assembly at Bonn by New Year's Day. A federal Government is to be established by May 1.

Clay said there was nothing iron-clad about the time-table. "I still hope there won't be a tag of more than a few weeks in the target dates," he added. He minimised the possible political effects if Russia sets up its own Mufti.

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PRESSURE ON U.S. TO SUPPORT INDONESIA AMERICANS ASKED TO CUT ERP AID

Washington, December 20.

Strong diplomatic pressure was brought to bear on the United States today to condemn the Dutch "police action" in Indonesia and to support the Indonesian Republicans.

The Australian, Indian and Republican representatives hastily arranged interviews with Mr. Robert Lovett, the acting Secretary of State, throughout the day.

The Australian and Indian Ambassadors are known to be sympathetic to the Republic whose representative, Dr. Soemitro, stated bluntly that he had appealed for American political and economic support and had asked the United States to cut off Marshall aid to The Netherlands.

The threat to cut Marshall aid was not taken seriously by Netherlands Embassy officials here. They said that Dr. Alan Valentine, chief of the United States Marshall aid mission in the Netherlands, had recently passed on assurances from the Netherlands Government that no Marshall Plan commodities had been used to supply arms, ammunition or other military equipment to the Dutch forces in Indonesia.

Whether any action is taken, the events in Indonesia are certain to result in an interruption and, possibly, revision of authorizations to the Netherlands East Indies, already issued by the Economic Co-operation Administration, for various types of goods.

Netherlands Embassy officials also claimed that the first reactions in the American press to the Dutch action had been more sympathetic than, on earlier occasions when the Indonesian question was the subject of widespread editorial comment.

The fact that Mr. Lovett saw the Indonesian representative at all was considered to be a gesture of sympathy for the Republicans, because Mr. Soemitro has been in Washington for some time without having an official interview with him.

Fight To Continue

State Department spokesmen themselves declined to comment on the Indonesian situation, pointing out that the American attitude would be presented to the Security Council on Wednesday.

Dr. Soemitro told reporters he had informed Mr. Lovett that the Indonesian Government will continue strong resistance to the Dutch even though its top leaders have been captured and are being held by the Dutch.

The Government will function from Bockitting, on the Island of Sumatra, he said.

"If that is captured, the Government will move elsewhere. As long as we have territory under our control, we will have our Government there. As a last resort we will set up a Government in exile."

Dr. Soemitro is Minister of Foreign Trade and Financial Affairs of the Indonesian Republic Government and heads the Republican delegation to the UN Security Council.

Guerilla War

Dr. Soemitro told reporters he has been in touch with the Indonesian Government.

"We are prepared to carry on protracted guerrilla warfare," he said. "Very soon you will see a series of counter-attacks on the Dutch from the mountains. I know our captured leaders will never give up the fight."

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Sternist Leader's Denial

Aero, December 20.
Nathan Friedman Yellin, alleged chief of the Stern Gang, solemnly swore at his trial at Acre today that he played no part in the assassination of the United Nations Palestine Mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte.

With upraised hands, he said, "Under oath I declare I never took part in the decision to kill Bernadotte."

Asked by the prosecution for his opinion of Count Bernadotte, Yellin said: "I am more sorry for each child killed in Jerusalem owing to Bernadotte who starved the city and caused its shelling."

He admitted that the group to which he had belonged had a secret tribunal to pass death sentences on "traitors."

The prosecutor, referring to a pamphlet stated to have been issued by the Stern Gang, said to Yellin: "You wrote: 'Bernadotte executed.'"

"It was a slip of the tongue," Yellin replied.—Reuter.

Fatal Events

The envoy said the Dutch attack apparently came as a complete surprise to the State Department as well as to the Japok regime.

Dr. Soemitro said: "We are witnessing only the beginning of a whole chain of fatal events. Now I know how you Americans feel after Pearl Harbour."

In New York, United States Congressman Jacob K. Javits warned that the Dutch attack may have serious repercussions

in the Netherlands' participation in the ECA.

"Independence in Asiatic

colonial areas is the hallmark of the future. Those who run counter to the tide must take their own chances as to the effects.

We can only hope that the Dutch will proceed in this spirit."

The resumption of hostilities, he continued, is very unfortunate and may have the most serious repercussions on European recovery on the basis of the Marshall Plan with which the stability of the East Indies is so intimately tied.—Reuter.

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Australian Dockers May Reimpose Ban

Sydney, December 20.
The Executive Committee of the Dock Workers Union, the Waterside Workers Federation, is to meet tomorrow to consider reimposing their ban on working Dutch ships in view of the developments in Indonesia.

The Abbecker, at present the only Dutch ship in Sydney Harbour, got wharf labour today without difficulty.

Australian dock workers and seamen refused to handle Dutch shipping when fighting first developed between the Dutch and Indonesians in 1945.

A conference of Australasian trade unions on August 5, 1947, completely banned the movement of all Dutch goods in Australia pending a decision of the United Nations.

The ban was not lifted until last June.—Reuter.

"Indonesia Now A Sovereign State"

Washington, December 20.
A spokesman for the Indonesian Republic today said his Government now considers itself a sovereign state and will act accordingly.

Dr. Soemitro, ranking Indonesian representative in the United States, told the United Press: "By their own action the Dutch have formally abrogated the Renville Agreement.

"Therefore, we consider ourselves an independent and sovereign state and will carry on in that status to the best of our abilities.

"The Dutch action dangerously impairs the interest not only of Indonesia but all South East Asia and will have serious repercussions for Western Europe and the United States of America.

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Flat Denial

The Indonesian representative flatly denied formal Dutch charges that the Republican Government had been unable to enforce its will in its own areas.

"We reply that the Dutch could not restore law and order in areas occupied by them since July 1947, such as West Java," he said.

He also denied Dutch charges of Republic infiltration into

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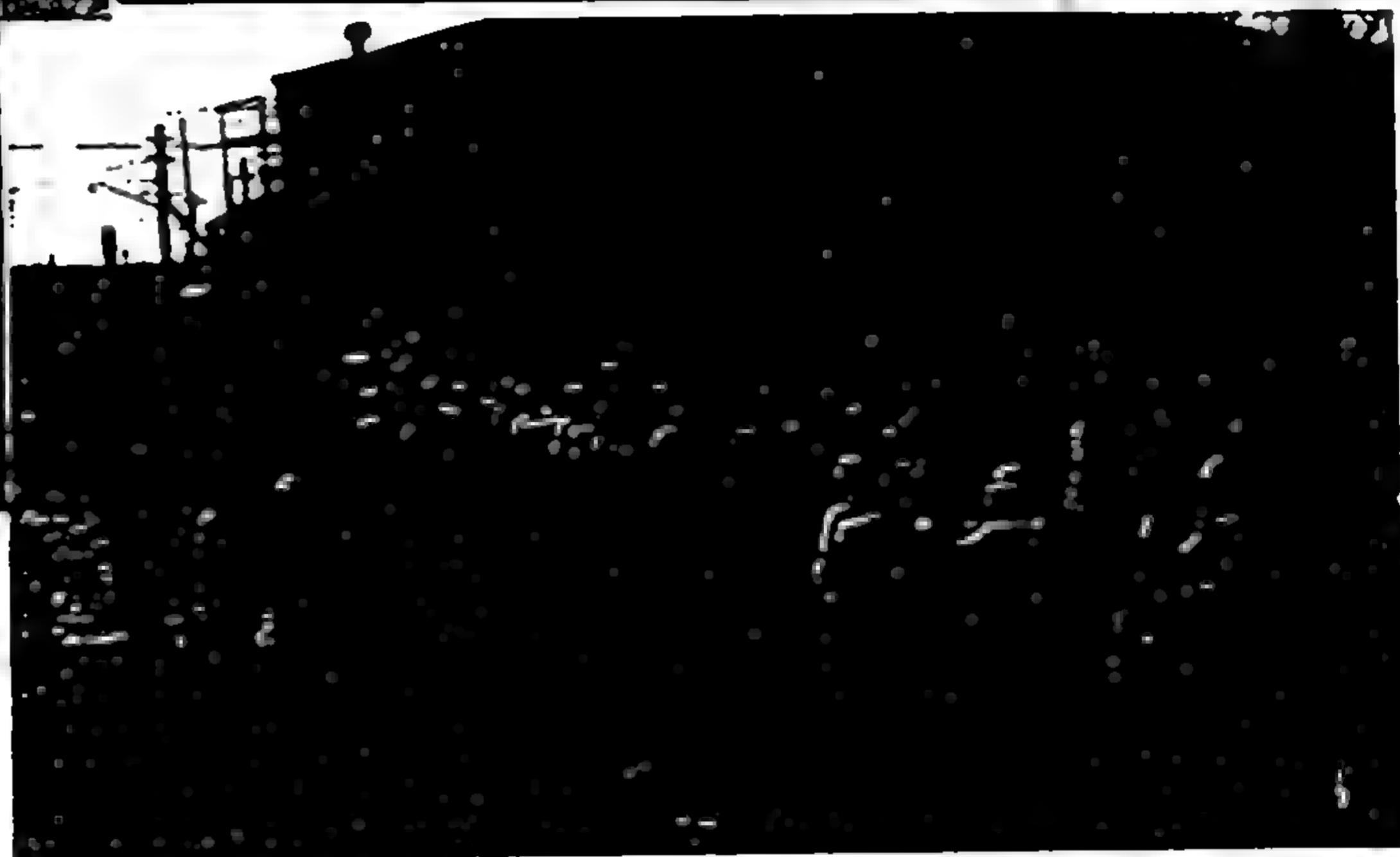
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BELEAGUERED NANKING

Armoured columns, mounted troops, heavily-burdened soldiery and the clatter of gun carriages are commonplace in Nanking today, as Communist forces move closer to the capital. All is quiet as these troops on wiry ponies patrol the icy streets, but they are likely to have sterner duties soon. (All photos shown are from Associated Press.)



Chinese Air Force pilots flying bombing missions from Nanking relax in their headquarters.



Nationalist soldiers leave Pukow railway station on their way North to reinforce Government troops facing the Communist armies.



Forgetting the grim struggle, the rough roads frozen by biting winds, the poor food and the hopelessness of the battle areas, this Nationalist soldier on his way to the North plays happily with a baby in Pukow.



As troops entrain for the battle zone, refugees en route to the South stream in constant procession towards the relative safety of Nanking, from where they will move further as soon as transport is available.



Having a happy time at a private party at the Hong Kong Hotel on December 15 was the family of Mr. G. E. Marden of Whealock, Marden & Co.



Mr. and Mrs. Hans Blocklin after their wedding at St. John's Cathedral on December 15.



At the wedding of Miss Wong Wing-kwan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wong Tse-shan, to Mr. Chan Pui-chun, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chan Yee-ting. The ceremony was conducted by Mr. T. W. Kwok, Commissioner for Chinese Affairs, at the Hong Kong Hotel. Bride and groom were educated at the Ling Nam University, Canton.



Flight Lieutenant J. Cant holds his son, Andrew Fraser, after his christening at St. Andrew's. Others are, left to right, Flight Lieutenant J. Fennel, Mrs. R. Lewis, Mrs. Cant, Squadron Leader R. Lewis, and Squadron Leader the Rev. R. C. H. Swain.

Bride and groom smile happily after the wedding of Miss Mabel Dorothy Howard and Mr. D. M. Xavier.

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Gigantic Surge In East Asia

New York, December 20. "Asia wants to rise out of its destruction, want and illiteracy," the Reverend Dr. Frank C. Lauback, missionary educator, said yesterday.

In a sermon at the St. Bartholomew's Protestant Episcopal Church, the Reverend Lauback said: "Her people want recognition as equals. If we do not help them up they will blow up. They hear one voice urging revolution and another speaking for Christ. 'Word has spread among these people they do not need to remain ignorant and destitute. There is today a gigantic surge toward education among them.'

"The entire human race will be literate by the end of the century. We cannot allow three-fourths of the world to be uneducated and remain savagery in their hearts."

Dr. Lauback left a week ago to continue his work in Siam, India, New Guinea and Korea. —United Press.

Corrupt Art In The West

Sofia, December 21.

The Bulgarian Communists plan to ban "petty and corrupt film" in a drift of decaying Western art."

They also aim at indoctrinating journalists by "improving the Marxist and Leninist education of journalist cadres" in order finally to transform the press into a reliable daily source of general information and education in the spirit of the (Communist) party."

These proposals are contained in resolutions submitted to the Bulgarian Communist Party's fifth congress now meeting in Sofia. Representatives from 18 countries are attending the meeting.

The first resolution to be considered is one urging the building up of Socialism within the country by a series of five year plans. This, the proposal acknowledged, will be a hard task.—Associated Press.

"FINE LESSON" OF BRITAIN

Paris, December 21.

"France is in the full course of material and spiritual recovery," M. Robert Schuman, the Foreign Minister, declared today.

"Frenchmen should follow the example of the British, who give us a fine lesson of courage and civic virtue," M. Schuman told an audience at Saarbourg, Lorraine.

Germany, although defeated, was not attempting to renounce democratic freedom, he added. "Let us remember that an excess of criticism kills authority, and selfishness destroys the State."

U.S. GENERAL IN TURKEY

London, December 21.

Radio Ankara reports that the head of the American military mission to Greece, Major General James Van Fleet, has arrived in Istanbul accompanied by five officers of his staff.

He is to meet there the American Secretary of Defence, Mr. Kenneth Royall, who is touring Europe to get first hand knowledge of American occupation activities.—Reuter.

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Four More Years Of Austerity

London, December 20.

Britain will probably do without 25 per cent of her Marshall aid next year, but will still face the world with a £100 million credit balance in 1952-53.

This is the overall meaning of the Government's four-year recovery plan under Marshall Aid published today.

The three main points of the plan are:

1.—An increase in exports of at least 50 per cent above 1938 and 10 per cent above 1948.

2.—Capital investment, for industrial and agricultural development, at the rate of £2,000 million a year.

3.—A 15 to 20 per cent increase in the supply of manufactured goods to the home consumer, with a speed-up of home food production to replace imports.

The only definite forecast in the 125-page programme is that in the 12 months starting next July, Britain reckons to manage with \$40 million of Marshall aid compared with \$1,203 million the year.

The plan assumes that Britain, working under conditions of rigorous austerity, will close her menacing imports-exports gap, now running at the yearly rate of \$1,128 million, by the end of Marshall aid in 1952.

Must Be Done

Details have already leaked from Paris and the only undislosed feature is that the programme is in a hard forecast on what Britain intends to do.

It is a recital of what she must do and the means of doing it.

A vast industrial programme at home will speed the export drive. It is planned to raise the end output by nearly a quarter, effectively generating capacity by nearly a half, the output of steel by nearly a fifth.

Still further expansion is also planned for the engineering industries, whose output is already nearly 50 per cent over pre-war figures.

Agricultural production will be pushed up to an all-time record of 50 per cent above pre-war and Britain in 1952-53 will be importing even less food than now.

Britain's balance of payments in 1952-53 should show a surplus of \$691 million with the Western Hemisphere—an overall surplus of \$400 million with the world as a whole.

Decisive Year

Next year is named as the decisive year of the whole programme in the detailed programme for 1949-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100-101-102-103-104-105-106-107-108-109-110-111-112-113-114-115-116-117-118-119-120-121-122-123-124-125-126-127-128-129-130-131-132-133-134-135-136-137-138-139-140-141-142-143-144-145-146-147-148-149-150-151-152-153-154-155-156-157-158-159-160-161-162-163-164-165-166-167-168-169-170-171-172-173-174-175-176-177-178-179-180-181-182-183-184-185-186-187-188-189-190-191-192-193-194-195-196-197-198-199-200-201-202-203-204-205-206-207-208-209-210-211-212-213-214-215-216-217-218-219-220-221-222-223-224-225-226-227-228-229-230-231-232-233-234-235-236-237-238-239-240-241-242-243-244-245-246-247-248-249-250-251-252-253-254-255-256-257-258-259-260-261-262-263-264-265-266-267-268-269-270-271-272-273-274-275-276-277-278-279-280-281-282-283-284-285-286-287-288-289-290-291-292-293-294-295-296-297-298-299-2910-2911-2912-2913-2914-2915-2916-2917-2918-2919-2920-2921-2922-2923-2924-2925-2926-2927-2928-2929-2930-2931-2932-2933-2934-2935-2936-2937-2938-2939-2940-2941-2942-2943-2944-2945-2946-2947-2948-2949-2950-2951-2952-2953-2954-2955-2956-2957-2958-2959-2960-2961-2962-2963-2964-2965-2966-2967-2968-2969-2970-2971-2972-2973-2974-2975-2976-2977-2978-2979-2980-2981-2982-2983-2984-2985-2986-2987-2988-2989-29810-29811-29812-29813-29814-29815-29816-29817-29818-29819-29820-29821-29822-29823-29824-29825-29826-29827-29828-29829-29830-29831-29832-29833-29834-29835-29836-29837-29838-29839-29840-29841-29842-29843-29844-29845-29846-29847-29848-29849-29850-29851-29852-29853-29854-29855-29856-29857-29858-29859-29860-29861-29862-29863-29864-29865-29866-29867-29868-29869-29870-29871-29872-29873-29874-29875-29876-29877-29878-29879-29880-29881-29882-29883-29884-29885-29886-29887-29888-29889-298810-298811-298812-298813-298814-298815-298816-298817-298818-298819-298820-298821-298822-298823-298824-298825-298826-298827-298828-298829-298830-298831-298832-298833-298834-298835-298836-298837-298838-298839-298840-298841-298842-298843-298844-298845-298846-298847-298848-298849-298850-298851-298852-298853-298854-298855-298856-298857-298858-298859-298860-298861-298862-298863-298864-298865-298866-298867-298868-298869-298870-298871-298872-298873-298874-298875-298876-298877-298878-298879-298880-298881-298882-298883-298884-298885-298886-298887-298888-298889-298890-298891-298892-298893-298894-298895-298896-298897-298898-298899-2988100-2988101-2988102-2988103-2988104-2988105-2988106-2988107-2988108-2988109-2988110-2988111-2988112-2988113-2988114-2988115-2988116-2988117-2988118-2988119-2988120-2988121-2988122-2988123-2988124-2988125-2988126-2988127-2988128-2988129-2988130-2988131-2988132-2988133-2988134-2988135-2988136-2988137-2988138-2988139-2988140-2988141-2988142-2988143-2988144-2988145-2988146-2988147-2988148-2988149-2988150-2988151-2988152-2988153-2988154-2988155-2988156-2988157-2988158-2988159-2988160-2988161-2988162-2988163-2988164-2988165-2988166-2988167-2988168-2988169-2988170-2988171-2988172-2988173-2988174-2988175-2988176-2988177-2988178-2988179-2988180-2988181-2988182-2988183-2988184-2988185-2988186-2988187-2988188-2988189-2988190-2988191-2988192-2988193-2988194-2988195-2988196-2988197-2988198-2988199-2988200-2988201-2988202-2988203-2988204-2988205-2988206-2988207-2988208-2988209-2988210-2988211-2988212-2988213-2988214-2988215-2988216-2988217-2988218-2988219-2988220-2988221-2988222-2988223-2988224-2988225-2988226-2988227-2988228-2988229-2988230-2988231-2988232-2988233-2988234-2988235-2988236-2988237-2988238-2988239-2988240-2988241-2988242-2988243-2988244-2988245-2988246-2988247-2988248-2988249-2988250-2988251-2988252-2988253-2988254-2988255-2988256-2988257-2988258-2988259-2988260-2988261-2988262-2988263-2988264-2988265-2988266-2988267-2988268-2988269-2988270-2988271-2988272-2988273-2988274-2988275-2988276-2988277-2988278-2988279-2988280-2988281-2988282-2988283-2988284-2988285-2988286-2988287-2988288-2988289-2988290-2988291-2988292-2988293-2988294-2988295-2988296-2988297-2988298-2988299-2988300-2988301-2988302-2988303-2988304-2988305-2988306-2988307-2988308-2988309-2988310-2988311-2988312-2988313-2988314-2988315-2988316-2988317-2988318-2988319-2988320-2988321-2988322-2988323-2988324-2988325-2988326-2988327-2988328-2988329-2988330-2988331-2988332-2988333-2988334-2988335-2988336-2988337-2988338-2988339-2988340-2988341-2988342-2988343-2988344-2988345-2988346-2988347-2988348-2988349-2988350-2988351-2988352-2988353-2988354-2988355-2988356-2988357-2988358-2988359-2988360-2988361-2988362-2988363-2988364-2988365-2988366-2988367-2988368-2988369-2988370-2988371-2988372-2988373-2988374-2988375-2988376-2988377-2988378-2988379-2988380-2988381-2988382-2988383-2988384-2988385-2988386-2988387-2988388-2988389-2988390-2988391

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straight brown skirt with
matchng jacket, in royal blue.
Snug jacket has buttons down front,
pinched-in waist, long sleeves and
scalloped pelmet.

Another utility model is this at-
tractive two-piece, a Sailor dress
in teal-green coat with rec-
for lines and smart high
collar of brown velvet.

A Windsmoor utility
skirt straight and slim, the bodice
in tartan silk. Over this was a
short bolero jacket in the green
wool. And as I watched it walking
up and down his salon I
realised that here was a dress
with all the virtues and, more-
over, that one could easily adapt
an established favourite on these
lines.

Reports that midinettes, those stylish needlewomen of Paris, consider British "utility" suits among the season's best buys, suggest how these up-to-the-minute clothes have developed in style and quality since the first wartime austerity models were introduced in 1941.

"CC41"—the utility mark on British clothes—is the widest known official trade-mark ever introduced into British fashion stores. It has become also a mark of quality so far as it is a Board of Trade guarantee that the garment reaches standards laid down by them as fair value for money paid.

Wanted For Export, Too

Permission was given for export of this clothing in May, 1948, in response to requests from overseas buyers.

During the war "utility" tended to be for the civilian what "uniform" was for the servicewoman. Shortage of materials and rigid control of the amount used in each garment made variety in design impossible. The number of buttons and pockets, trimmings, even turn-ups on trousers, was regulated.

With raising of the ceiling price for utility clothes, full relaxation of the style regulations, makers up now have latitude to follow current trends.

When "CC41" garments bear the name of a reputable firm, one can be fairly certain their quality will be in accordance with the firm's general standard. Moreover, the customer pays no purchase tax when buying "utility." The tax on most other clothing is 331/3 per cent on the wholesale price.

With the general exclusion of hats, and a few items like dressing gowns and ties, practically every article of men's, women's and children's clothing comes within the utility range of production and price control. Schedules, drawn up after consultation with

the trading interests concerned, cover a range of prices, according to the clothes used, from a baby's bib and tucker to a man's suit. It is generally agreed the overall standard of British clothing has been raised through this scheme, though a few items like corsets and men's suspenders, for instance, have not yet reached their pre-war standard. This is attributed to shortage of rubber and nitrile.

In women's clothing, the discriminating shopper may find a Board of Trade guarantee that which would cost nearly three times as much on non-utility standards.

Utility Prestige Gains

Two reasons why women pay the higher prices are because they feel they are not likely to meet so many others wearing identical models, or they haven't time to search the department

stores to find what they need at the lower cost.

Selfridge's Oxford Street store, since the utility scheme was introduced, has given parades each year of "sponsored" utility fashions, exclusive to that store. These parades are open to the general public for a week each spring and autumn, and the garments shown are prototypes of those sold in the store during the season.

Wardrobe Helps

With the ceiling price of utility suits round about £6 women were often faced with having to pay almost as much for a hat, since these were not rationed, as they paid for a suit. To meet this situation, Selfridge's has opened what they call their medium-priced hat salon where one may match up a utility suit with a new season's beret or cloche for sums between one and two pounds.

Popular Boleros

Boleros of all kinds are popular this autumn, perhaps because they help to emphasise our new small waists. So if your dress is too tight, or worn, you could hardly find a better way of freshening it up than this. Decide first whether you are going to produce a bolero effect in the front only, or whether your silk top is going to be a complete bolero, with a separate bolero over it.

If the former, unpick the stitching joining bodice to skirt. Slit the bodice up the centre front and take off any collar or neck trimming because you will want a narrow upstanding military collar or the tartan to show above the wool. Cut a slice off the bottom of the bodice, turn back the raw edges and face with bias binding.

Now for the new tartan blouse. Cut out the front from a well-tested and perfectly plain blouse pattern, seam it to the shoulders, armhole, sides and waist. Finish the neck—with the narrow band of tartan and a small bow, or the bow would look well in narrow black velvet ribbon. One obvious advantage of this method is that you need not disturb the set of the sleeves.

However, if your dress is tight across the back as well as the front there is nothing for it but to take off the whole top and replace it with the tartan. Now cut a band, say four inches deep, from the bottom of the discarded bodice. With this you can make an inverted pleat down the middle of the back. Finish off the edges with bias binding, press well and wear your new London model right through the day with confidence.

Ann Temple

SELFISH DAUGHTERS

I have two daughters, one 19 and the other 17, both very much grown-up. They earn good money, but contribute nothing towards their keep. My wife sees nothing wrong with this and encourages their selfishness by further spoiling.

I have long given up protesting against boy friends being continually entertained in the house and staying often after midnight. But I am thinking of saying "will you pay the rent and bring me money?"

You certainly have a problem, but what can you expect if the girls have been brought up to think of Dad as the universal provider?

But they have been trained in the idea of family responsibility, family sharing, family contributing, you would have something to appeal to in them. They would like it in their stride that as earners they became responsible members of the family group and as contributors have a say in the family budget.

An old rancher once told me, beaming with pride in his sons and daughters, that he and his wife had brought them up on the principle "No work—no eat." It may not be too late for you to try "No pay—no eat" with your little bunch. Good luck to you!

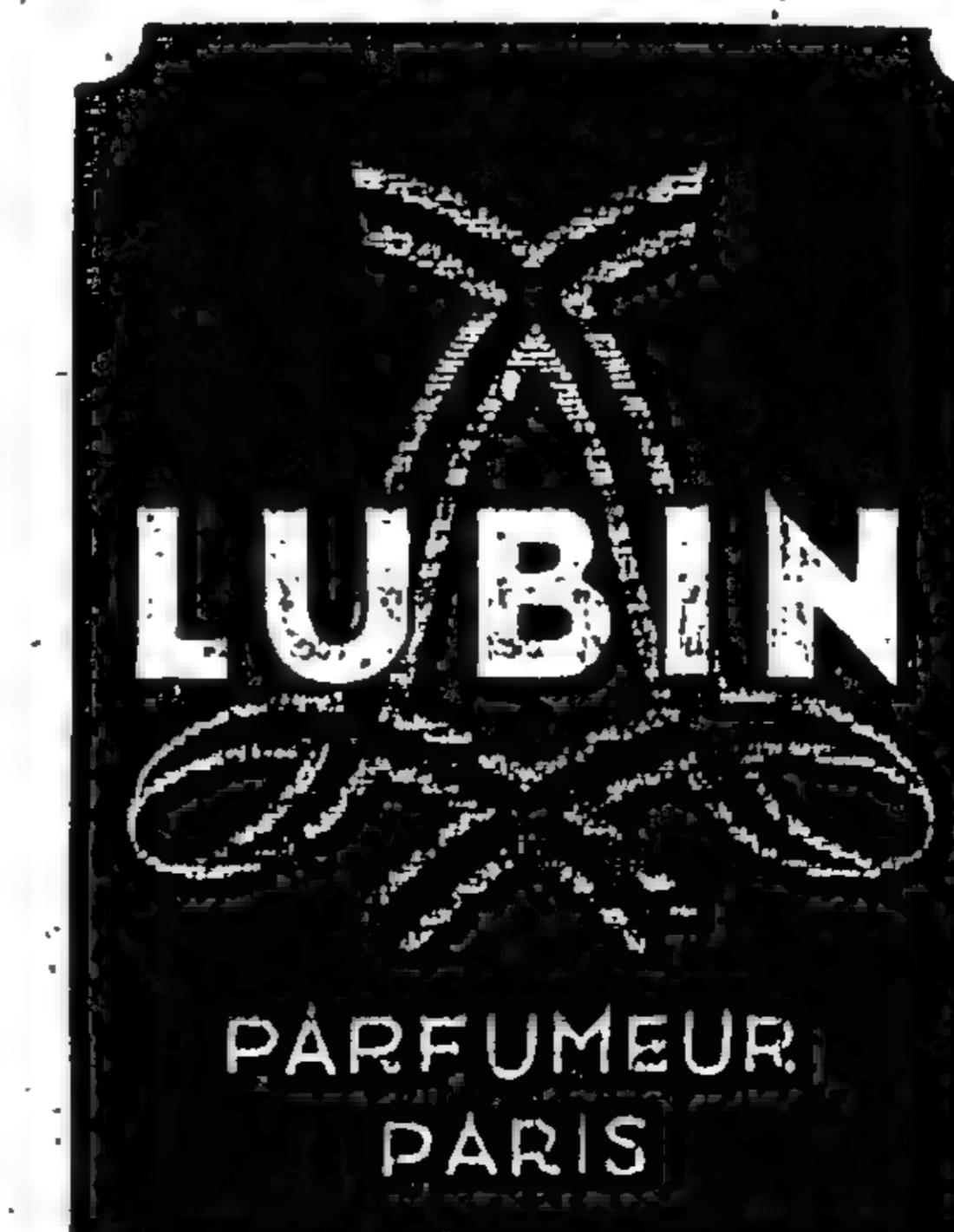
In my efforts to improve myself as a conversationalist I have become a worse one.

Searching for topics, I have read books, listened to all manner of talks, lectures, sought everywhere for new ideas, only to become so conscious of what I am saying that I stick and dry up.

Can you suggest the best way to make one's conversation interesting, whatever the subject? A.V.W.

Bottoms up about being a good talker yourself and concentrate on making yourself an interesting person to be talked to.

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PHONE 22765**Editorial****Christmas**

The 25th day of December has a different meaning to people in various stages of life.

To the child, it is a day of innumerable gifts, candy and Santa Claus.

To young people, it is a grand holiday of festivities which only young and undenied hearts can fully enjoy. And to parents, it is a day of prayer and thanksgiving to God, manifested through the loving atmosphere of their homes.

But to all without exception, it is a day of supreme joy. It is Christmas!

The feeling of love and good will towards all cannot be more effectively inspired by any occasion than the anniversary of the holy nativity—a majestic date in our calendar, indeed, a chance to join hands with our neighbours over the differences which the days in the year have brought about.

This is the first opportunity that the Topics has had to celebrate with you, to join hands with you all in cherishing the old wish that is forever new: Love and goodwill towards all and a Very Merry Christmas.

Competition

A number of good stories were received for the last competition and the winning entries are published in this issue.

Prize winners are Joyce Pomeroy, Prince Edward Road, Kowloon (56), and Dennis Ablong (54).

The prizes will be in the mail today.

Back again we go to the news personalities contest. Below are five names jumbled up. They were in our news columns and pictorial supplements during the past week. Prizes are \$86 and \$4 for the two first entries opened.

1. ASLIRAITV—Virgin Mary in Wonder Night.

2. BBBBBAAATUH.R.—H. K. girl married in Shanghai.

3. GGORRMEEALLUSA—Nine years old.

4. LAERVE—Red Riding Hood.

5. DGNONIQAUTSA—soloist in concert.

JOYCE POMEROY

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Charity At Christmas

Jeanne sat quietly at the breakfast table with her hands folded before her, breakfast untouched.

Her eyes stared fixedly at a picture of her parents on the mantelpiece, while two large tear drops ran down her shining cheeks.

In this mood, the orphan's thoughts wandered off into the past where Christmas had seemed like nightmare. This time of fun and happiness could only be enjoyed in the presence of cheerful parents.

Jeanne was awakened to the present one by the cheerful shouts and gay laughter of the younger generation. Hurredly she rose from the table and walked to the window. The scene outside was a definite consolation to her red moist eyes.

The children in their bright coloured suits and with rosy happy faces, were displaying their great collection of Christmas gifts. Drums, trumpets, sledges, dolls, books, train and toys of every colour and kind, were strewn on the floor. The children too, on this day, were livelier than ever.

But attention was soon drawn to a crippled boy sitting quietly reading a book on his front porch. While her gaze rested upon the child, an idea entered her head. Her Christmas could be spent in bringing joy to others even if she herself could not find any.

An hour later, a breathless red-faced Jeanne stood before the matron of St. Mary's Hospital, asking permission to entertain the sick.

When permission was given she began immediately on her good intention. With forced enthusiasm, and concern she remained in the hospital all day bringing laughter and fun to the bedridden with her songs and stories.

Her unselfish and noble work brought life to those who otherwise would have spent their Christmas in a hum-drum monotony of hospital routine.

JOYCE POMEROY

Personality

Laureen Clemo is 16 years of age. She was born in Hong Kong on January 13, 1932, and travelled to Australia when she was eight, returning to the Colony two years ago.

Laureen learned ballet dancing when she was five, and for the next three years took part in many of the ballet shows in Hong Kong staged by her teacher, George Choncharoff.

When Laureen arrived in Australia, she added the study of music to her cultural interests, doing the course in the Sydney



LAUREEN CLEMO

Conservatorium, meanwhile attending—Wenona High School.

She is now in King George V School, but is leaving Hong Kong in February next year for finishing school in Switzerland. Laureen hopes to come to the Colony after two or three years abroad.

Her reading is chiefly mystery stories and romances. She finds fascination in stage work and has appeared in many local productions, the latest of which is the YMCA pantomime, "Red Riding Hood" in which she plays the

DENIS ABLONG

Duke."

She walked through the wreath right into the arms of handsome Burt who kissed her and whispered, "Merry Christmas, sugar."

He then led her, hands entwined,

to the dance floor and spoke out earnestly and with confidence, "I have been waiting the whole evening for this."

DENIS ABLONG

Wrote the Wren.

Orchestras will function from 8 p.m. until the "wee sma's"; Hotel dance floors will be packed you will be glad your ribs have been hardened getting into the ferries.

At the clubs some will oscillate with grace, others waddle and not a few flounder. It's long way to Tipperary but where did you shun the bar wuz?

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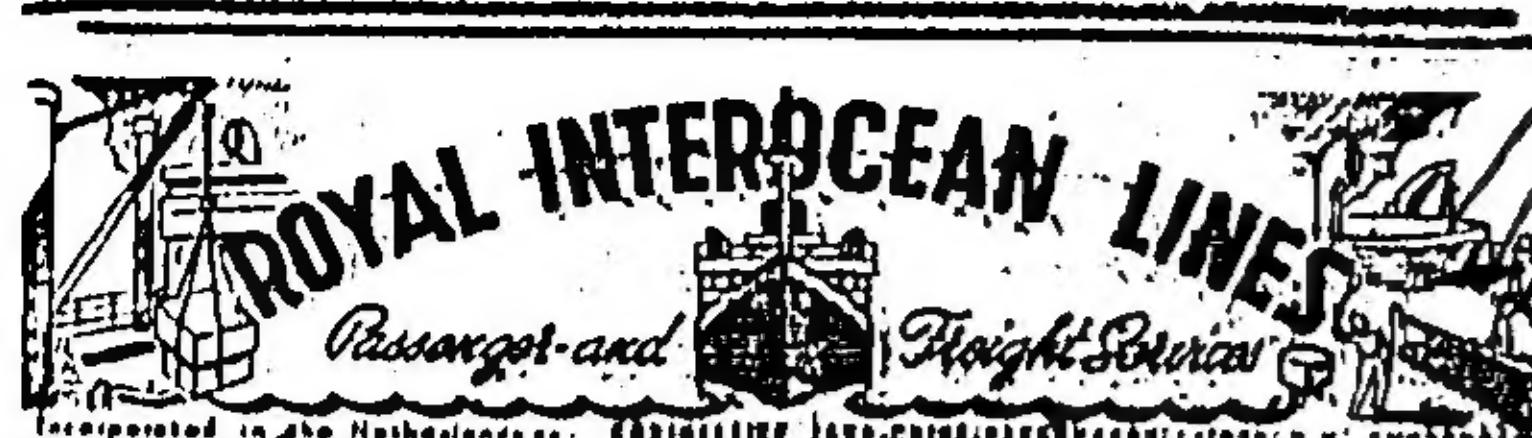
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London, December 20.

Corporations and commercial partnerships put US\$56,589,685 worth of paid-in capital to work in the Philippines during the fiscal year ended June 30. The Securities and Exchange Commission reported 1,259 new or reactivated organisations were registered within the period.

A total of 523 new stock corporations had an authorised capital of US\$8,058,650. At time of registration, US\$15,508,833 was subscribed and US\$10,000,106 paid up.

Philippines led in new corporate investments during the fiscal year.

Their capital paid-in amounted to US\$6,759,250.

American corporations ranked second with US\$2,067,078, and Chinese-controlled corporations third with US\$939,072.

The Securities and Exchange Commission registered 275 new corporations with an authorised capital of US\$9,390,425. Subscribed stock was US\$43,080,377 and capital paid up US\$34,002,553.

Co-operative Associations numbered 72 with an authorised capital of US\$675,275, a total of US\$169,141 subscribed and US\$61,503 paid.

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Paris Free Market Rates: Ingots: Fine Gold Ingots, with delivery of counterpart per gramme 234/4 Frs.; Without counterpart 852/4 892; Silver Ingots, per Kilo 0.600, 7.400; Platinum Ingots, per Kilo 600,000, 835,000.—Refuter.

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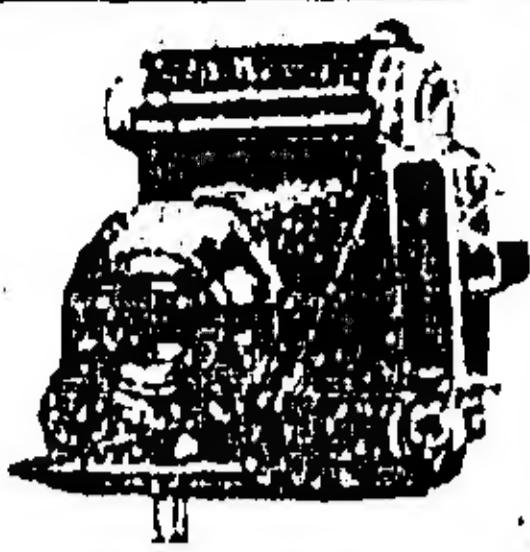
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ENGLAND WINS TEST IN THRILLING FINISH

Durham, December 20.

In one of the most thrilling finishes ever seen in a Test match, England snatched a two wicket win off the last ball in the first Test against South Africa here today.

The crowd, cheering every run and every fall of wicket, jumped about with excitement as both sides struggled for victory during England's second innings, for a long period during which the outcome was altogether in doubt.

At the close, the scoreboard (both against time and bad) read: South Africa 161 and 100, England 253 and 128 for 6.

After dismissing South Africa in their second innings, England were left the task of scoring 128 in 130 minutes, with bad weather threatening to bring play to a premature close.

Battling in the fading light, which was worse than at any time in the match, their wickets tumbled to the last bowling of the year-old Alan McCarthy, playing in his first Test.

The score went from 40 for two to 70 for six, then Denis Compton (20) and Roland Jenkins (22) gave England a fighting chance with a seventh wicket stand of 15. South Africa's hopes of victory leaped again when the next two wickets fell for the addition of only one run, but Alec Beddoe (one not out) and Cliff Gladwin (even not out) stayed together to gain a great victory for England.

The excitement was so tense at the close that the umpires forgot to signal the leg-by of Gladwin's thigh, which brought victory to England off the last ball of the match.

Wonderful Debut

McCarthy in a wonderful Test debut took six wickets for 43 runs in 12 overs.

The foundation of South Africa's great fight was laid in their second innings by Wade and Beddoe, who took part in a stand of 85 for the fifth wicket. Wade getting 63 and Beddoe 48.

Starting the day two runs behind, with four second innings wickets down, South Africa were 179 for 6 at lunch and led by 87 runs.

After the stand by Wade and Beddoe, South Africa lost two wickets in the space of five runs. Beddoe was caught off Beston for 41 and Oswald Dawson fell to a catch off Wright's bowling for three.

South Africa lost their last four wickets for 40 runs after lunch and were all out for 219.

England's task of scoring the 128 runs for victory was a race

SOUTH AFRICA					
1st Innings		2nd Innings			
		O	M	R	W
Beddoe	18	5	51	2	
Gladwin	7	3	15	0	
Jenkins	22.3	6	64	3	
Wright	26	3	72	4	
Compton	16	3	11	1	
Total					219

BOWLING					
	O	M	R	W	
Beddoe	10	5	51	2	
Gladwin	7	3	15	0	
Jenkins	22.3	6	64	3	
Wright	26	3	72	4	
Compton	16	3	11	1	
Total (tot 8 wkt.)					128

ENGLAND					
1st Innings		2nd Innings			
		O	M	R	W
McCarthy	12	2	43	0	
Tuckett	10	0	38	1	
Mann	2	0	13	1	
Rowan	4	0	15	0	
Total (tot 8 wkt.)					128

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Owing to the Christmas holidays, there will be no Hockey Association Fixtures this coming Sunday. —Reuter.

Hierarchy Spoiling The U.N.

Washington, December 20. Dr. Juan Bramuglia, Argentine Foreign Minister, in an interview with the weekly magazine, the United States News, today analysed the causes of the failure of the United Nations to settle the Berlin dispute.

The President of the Security Council during its debate on the Berlin crisis, Dr. Bramuglia criticised the practice of making distinctions between the status of great and small powers.

Dr. Bramuglia declared: "A theory of hierarchy is applied which is so absolute that it removes the old problems of the League of Nations. In the League there was also much argument between the theory of hierarchy, in which States are arranged in groups of different rank and power, and the theory of democracy, in which all States are equal."

"Now this same problem arises again in the United Nations, which is quite natural because the theory of hierarchy contradicts the principle of juridical equality of States." —Reuter.

Great Turn-Out For Savold

Oslo, December 19. Lee Savold, the American Norwegian heavy-weight, was given a great reception when he boxed exhibition bouts at the Osloseum Cinema here this afternoon.

He boxed two rounds each with the Norwegian heavyweight, Aage Andersen, and the Norwegian middleweight, Karl Norrelid, and although Savold was pulling his punches, he clearly showed his superiority.

Afterwards, there was a demonstration of the type of punch which brought about Savold's disqualification against the British champion, Bruce Woodcock, in London recently.

Savold's manager, Bill Daly, hit him with a similar punch and then gave Savold a hard kick in the same spot without much effect owing to Savold's protective belt. —Reuter.

HK Rotary's Ladies' Day

More than 200 people attended Hong Kong Rotary's Ladies' Day luncheon at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden yesterday.

Rotarians and Rotary-Anns joined in singing Christmas carols after luncheon, to music rendered by the George Lin Family Orchestra.

The musical programme was thoroughly enjoyed, and on the proposal of Rotarian G. E. Murden, a hearty vote of thanks was passed for Rotarian George Lin and his family orchestra.

Among visiting Rotarians present were Past District Governor Dr. C. T. Wang, President Percy Kwock, J. Macklin, Leon Kwock and Bill Sung, all of Shanghai, and Victor Bakshi and Bangkok.

FINED FOR DRIVING WITHOUT LICENCE

For driving a lorry without a licence and without the owner's permission, Ng Sung, aged 21, of the Modern Garage at Tai Po Road was fined HK\$100 by Mr. Blair Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Defendant was cautioned on the second charge and was ordered to pay the China Light and Power Company Limited HK\$100 compensation.

At the Kowloon Lorry Lot at Tai Po Road, near the junction of Pei Ho Street on December 16, defendant, while backing his lorry, collided with the lamp post and completely smashed the lamp which was valued at HK\$100.

INTER-VARSITY SPORTS PLAN

A series of Football, Ping Pong, Basketball, Badminton and Tennis games will be played between the Hong Kong University and the Lingnan University of Canton during the Christmas holidays. The Lingnan players are expected here on December 23 and will play their first games on December 24.

The Hong Kong University Hockey XI will also be visiting Macau for a series of games during the holidays.

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Yacht Club Elects New Sailing Captain

The General Committee of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club has elected Lt. Cdr. D. E. Bromley-Martin, RN, to be Sailing Captain of the Club to succeed Mr. T. F. Honoss, who is leaving the Colony for U.K. immediately after Christmas.

Mr. Honoss was one of the original officers of the Services Sailing Club which was formed here exactly three years ago to bridge the gap until the RHKYC was able to take over.

Lt. Cdr. D. E. Bromley-Martin has done valuable work as Chairman of two Regatta Committees at the club this year and so is in an excellent position to take over from Mr. Honoss.

Last week-end at the club saw the first heats in the Star and Dinghy Regatta Championship, the third in the Ladies' Autumn series, and the final races in the Autumn open dinghy series and Autumn Jubilee Shield. The result of the Jubilee Shield is as follows:

Sunday, December 24

1. 0700 Start of Cruiser Race in Macau. 2. 0800 Start of Ladies' Race. 3. 1000 Start of Dragon cruise to Mid-Island.

4. 1010 Start of first Jubilee Race. 5. 1100 Start of Stars first semi-final. 6. 1400 Start of racing Whalers Race. 7. 1410 Start of second Jubilee Race. 8. 1410 Start of second Stars semi-final. 9. 1430 Start of racing Dinghy heats. 10. 1500 Start of race for Trevassen trophy. 11. 1600 Start of Team Race—Club v. Combined Services. 12. 1630 Start of Relay Race (Stars start). 13. 1630 Start of Dinghy finale. 14. 1700 Start of racing Whaler Race. 15. 1700 Start of Dragon Race. 16. 1700 Start of Redwing Race. 17. 1700 Start of race for Trevassen trophy. 18. 1800 Start of Star finale. 19. 1830 Presentation of prizes in the Bull Room. Dress rehearsal.

* To be raced after the Ladies' Race at discretion of the Committee.

1. To be raced after the Dinghy final at discretion of the Committee.

Third Ladies' Race, Autumn Series. Hailed on December 18.

Dinghy—Start 1400.

Autumn Stars (Christmas Championship result in brackets):

First Heat: Best: Helmsman Time Pts Pts Td

1. Dupree, Faruher 16.38.42 31 56

2. Mrs. Honoss 16.59.37 29 57

3. Miss Lucy 17.00.27 28 56

4. Miss Derby 17.00.29 27 51

5. Miss Durby 17.00.30 26 50

6. Miss Durby 17.00.30 24 49

7. Miss Durby 17.00.30 23 48

8. Miss Durby 17.00.30 22 47

9. Miss Durby 17.00.30 21 46

10. Miss Durby 17.00.30 20 45

11. Miss Durby 17.00.30 19 44

12. Miss Durby 17.00.30 18 43

13. Miss Durby 17.00.30 17 42

14. Miss Durby 17.00.30 16 41

15. Miss Durby 17.00.30 15 40

16. Miss Durby 17.00.30 14 39

17. Miss Durby 17.00.30 13 38

18. Miss Durby 17.00.30 12 37

19. Miss Durby 17.00.30